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## FLORIDA'S CRASH STATISTICS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

*~ State Mileage Death Rate drops again ~*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — The traffic death rate continues to drop in the State of Florida! The State Mileage Death Rate dropped last year to the lowest rate on record. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides details on that statistic and much more in its [Traffic Crash Statistics Report 2010](#), which is now available online.

“The report shows that as a state we are moving toward our vision of a safer Florida as crashes continue to drop,” said DHSMV Executive Director Julie L. Jones. “The favorable trends that we are seeing demonstrate the emphasis that law enforcement agencies, lawmakers and safety advocates place on saving lives on our roadways. Through unified efforts, we continue every day to make our roadways a safer place for residents and visitors.”

Some positive trends the report highlights include:

- State Mileage Death Rate (the number of deaths per 100 million miles traveled) decreased to 1.25 deaths per 100 million vehicle miles traveled in 2010 and is the lowest since the rate has been calculated.
- During the past five years, fatalities have dropped every year from 2005 with 3,533 to 2010 with 2,444, which is a 30.8 percent reduction.
- Traffic crash fatalities on Florida roadways fell between 2009 and 2010 by 4.6 percent, going from 2,563 to 2,444 respectively.
- Motorcycle rider and passenger fatalities decreased between 2009 and 2010 by 4.7 percent from 402 to 383 respectively.
- Bicyclist and passenger fatalities plunged between 2009 and 2010 by 24 percent from 99 to 76 respectively.
- Teen crash fatalities fell between 2009 and 2010 by 5.9 percent from 153 to 144 respectively.

A complete copy of the *Traffic Crash Statistics Report 2010* is available at [www.flhsmv.gov/html/safety.html](http://www.flhsmv.gov/html/safety.html) under *Traffic Crash Facts*. The website also provides the report from previous years.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit [www.flhsmv.gov](http://www.flhsmv.gov), follow us on Twitter [@FDHSMV](https://twitter.com/FDHSMV) or find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FDHSMV).

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